LPG Stations in **Bangalore**

286. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG filling stations functioning in Bangalore at present;

(b) whether Government are aware that autorickshaw owners in Bangalore are being put to hardship due to inadequate number of LPG filling stations; and

(c) the number of new LPG filling stations which are proposed to be opened in Bangalore?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANl SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have set up 10 Auto LPG Dispensing Stations (ALDs) in Bangalore at various existing Retail Outlets.

(b) and (c) Auto LPG dispensing Stations are set up by OMCs in various cities keeping in view their commercial viability as well as availability of suitable sites for the purpose. OMCs have planned to set up 20 more ALDs in Bangalore in order to make available auto LPG for vehicles in Bangalore subject to availability of sites, and 'statutory' and local clearances. Further, private companies are also free to set up ALDs in various cities on commercial considerations.

Supply of Gas through pipeline

287. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to supply Natural Gas through pipeline for domestic cooking purposes;

(b) if so, the quantum of gas produced and supplied during the last three years together with the details of areas covered under the programme;

(c) whether it is a fact that the target set for providing gas through pipeline has not been achieved in a number of areas, particularly in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken for improving the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. During the last three years i.e. 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 production of natural gas has been 81.42 Million Standard Cubic Meters Per Day (MMSCMD), 86 MMSCMD and 87.5 MMSCMD respectively, whereas gas sold under the Administered Pricing Meshanism during the period has been about 66 MMSCMD. Out of the above, the agencies concerned, i.e., Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) in Mumbai and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) in Delhi, have supplied the following quantities of gas to the domestic sector during the last three years:—

MGL

Year		Quantum
2001-02	:	0.026 MMSCMD
2002-03	:	0.048 MMSCMD
2003-04	:	0.06 MMSCMD

IGL

Year		Quantum
2001-02	:	0.0029 MMSCMD
2002-03	:	0.0039 MMSCMD
2003-04	:	0.0062 MMSCMD

In addition to the above, small local distributing companies are distributing limited quantity of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in some cities of Assam, Gujarat and Agartala.

(c) and (d) Supply of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) and its expansion programme is a continuous and ongoing process. To comply with the orders of the Supreme Court in Delhi, the focus has been on providing Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to the automotive sector. Simultaneously, the PNG network along the route of the natural gas pipeline has also been developed. In Delhi, the customer base is targeted to increase in the current financial year to 53,000 households from the current 18,000 households subject to grant of permission from the authorities concerned for laying the pipelines.